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Israel

An Israeli-Egyptian summit will probably be held in the first half of September on Egyptian soil, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres revealed in a Jerusalem television interview, adding that the meeting will be held after the signing of the arbitral compromis and the Egyptian ambassador's arrival in Israel. The meeting will "deal with the future," he said, and the two sides will discuss ways to improve bilateral relations and promote the Middle East peace process. Asked about contacts with Morocco in the aftermath of the Ifrane meeting, Peres asserted that contacts "are being, and will be held," noting that a "practical relationship" is being established between Israel and Morocco "in the agricultural and other fields."

Jerusalem radio subsequently provided further details of the summit arrangements reached during Israeli envoy Avraham Tamir's visit to Egypt, disclosing that the Egyptians offered to hold the meeting 9-10 or 10-11 September in either Ismailia, Alexandria, or another location chosen by President Husni Mubarak. The radio's report contradicts its previously reported announcement that Tamir failed to secure a date for the summit during his visit to Egypt. Egyptian sources cited by the radio confirmed that the summit will be held in September and predicted that the new Egyptian ambassador to Israel will be 'Izzat 'Abd al-Latif, a "veteran" diplomat who was involved in the Palestinian autonomy talks.

Iran

Qom Car Bomb Arrests — All the members of a group responsible for the 16 August car bomb explosion in Qom have been arrested, the information minister announced in an interview with Tehran radio. The same individuals, who used explosives brought in from Iraq in the Qom attack, were "actively involved" in at least five bombings in Tehran and Qom since 1980, he disclosed. The minister also revealed the arrest of another group responsible for a series of blasts in Tehran, adding that plans to bomb a Tehran Friday prayers sermon "last month" were foiled. "Almost every counterrevolutionary band" is involved in the bombings, he said, adding that Iraqi intelligence provided money and resources to the groups.

London Blast Reaction — The explosion that killed an activist hostile to the Islamic Republic was condemned by the Iranian Embassy in a statement cited by IRNA. The London embassy claimed to have information that an unidentified group was intending to carry out a terrorist act against it. Meanwhile, a friend of the victim claimed that embassy personnel used "threats and abuse" to harass the activist, London *Press Association* reported.

Lebanon

Beirut radio reported that 17 people were killed or wounded during further fighting in East Beirut between supporters and opponents of Lebanese Forces Executive Committee Chairman Samir Ja'ja'. The clashes centered round the Al-Ashrafiyah area, where Marun Mash'alani and his supporters were surrounded in a barracks. The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon announced that one person was injured by a bomb explosion in East Beirut 21 August.

On the Muslim side, Labor and Education Minister Salim al-Huss accused "influential armed sides" in East Beirut of procuring the release of a woman suspected of planting car bombs in West Beirut, according to Beirut radio, which also cited a statement by a "highly placed security source" that the woman was smuggled out of the Military Court building after having admitted her guilt.

In the south, a landmine explosion killed an Irish UNIFIL soldier and wounded two others, Beirut radio announced 21 August.

Libya

Visiting Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said that Libya and Uganda have established a committee to study political cooperation, and an economic committee to take the necessary measures for the "creation of economic integration" between the two countries, Tripoli radio reported. Museveni disclosed that Uganda will provide agricultural products in exchange for Libyan oil, according to AFP.

The Yemens

The UAE weekly *Al-Ittihad Al-Usbu'i* claimed that former PDRY leader 'Ali Nasir Muhammad met Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' and Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf in separate meetings in Sanaa "recently," WAM reported. The meetings, undertaken by Syria and the PLO as efforts toward a dialogue between the PDRY Government and supporters of 'Ali Nasir, achieved no progress, the newspaper continued.

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USIA To Intensify 'Anti-Afghan Psychological War'

LD210654 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0445 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] Kabul, August 20, *Bakhtar* — A political observer of *Bakhtar* writes: The U.S. Information Agency (USIA) has earmarked 500,000 dollars for the training of professional propagandists from among the Afghan counter-revolutionaries and the setting up of the so-called Afghan News Agency in a bid to intensify the anti-Afghan psychological war and expanding of propaganda campaign.

This measure of the Washington administration, which has been adopted against the DRA distorting of the facts about the realities of the Afghan revolution and distracting of the world public opinion, is an aggression and outright interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. The CIA envisages to allocate 180,000 dollars, out of the 500,000 dollars, to the journalism faculty of the University of Boston aimed at training the Afghan counter-revolutionaries in the methods of disseminating false propaganda, forgeries and scandals. The remaining amount would be spent for the setting up of the so-called Afghan News Agency.

This is not the first time that Washington earmarks special budget for subversive and espionage activities against the DRA. The annual expenditures of the U.S. imperialism against the DRA exceed hundreds of millions of dollars. Distortion of facts, poisonous propaganda and dissemination of false rumours constitute the major direction of the psycological war of the U.S. imperialism against the DRA.

The USIA, parallel with the huge military assistance to the counter-revolutionaries, has given wide scope to propaganda campaign and psycological war against the DRA. The setting up of the so-called Free Afghanistan radio station in Munich, the setting up of the so-called Afghan News Agency in Pakistan, establishment of propaganda courses for the counter-revolutionaries in the FRG, allocation of 500,000 dollars for the training of professional saboteurs in the psycological war against Afghanistan, which are organised on the order of the CIA, are considered best examples in this respect.

The Washington administration strives to intensify its psycological war against the DRA in two ways. First, the U.S. imperialism wants to distract the world public opinion about the development taking place in Afghanistan. Secondly, the imperialists envisage to justify their impudent interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and to make use of tension of the situation against the peaceful policy of the DRA and the USSR in the international arena.

It is an established fact that the enemies of Afghanistan with the setting forth of the so-called threat to Islam, the occupation and aggression on Afghanistan, or making hue and cry about the mass murder of civilian people, lack of medical services in the country, prevalence of famine and hunger and finally, violation of human rights and so forth in the DRA, desparately strive to conceal their sinister designs from the world public.

The enemies of Afghanistan should bear in mind that, despite the extravagent expenditures, they cannot distract the path of the revolution and the opinion of the people of Afghanistan. The people of Afghanistan will not believe in any poisonous propaganda of the imperialists. They are forging ahead towards victories.

Defense Minister Delivers Army Day Speech

LD192303 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 18 Aug 86

[Excerpts] To mark DRA Army Day, a grand meeting attended by Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, was held this afternoon in the gymnasium of the polytechnic institute. Present at this meeting were several members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee, as well as members of the PDPA Central Committee; several members of the DRA Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers; participants in the country's war of independence; retired generals; heads and some officials of the country's social organizations; leadership members of the DRA Defense Ministry; credible representatives of the workers of Kabul; and diplomatic corps' representatives in Kabul.

Also present were members of delegations of the friendly and fraternal countries of the Soviet Union, the GDR, the Socialist Republic of Bulgaria, the CSSR, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Socialist Republic of Romania, and the Polish People's Republic who have come to Kabul to take part in the celebration of DRA Army Day.

A BIA correspondent reports that the meeting opened with the playing of the DRA national anthem and the message of the PDPA Central Committee on the occasion of DRA Army Day. The message was read by Major General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of defense.

[Begin Nazar Muhammad recording] The message of the PDPA Central Committee to all staff of the DRA Army:

Comrades, troops, non-commissioned officers, officers and generals, the guards of the heroic DRA Army: The PDPA Central Committee presents to you true defenders of the April Revolution its most sincere and warm greetings to all Army staff on the occasion of DRA Army Day.

The PDPA believes matters connected with the military structure to be one of the most important components of its policy. Under present conditions, when an undeclared war has been unleashed by imperialism, headed by the United States, against the DRA and has endangered the gains of the April Revolution, the party has paid, and is paying, great attention to the question of defense of the homeland. During the years after the victory of the April Revolution, the Army, as the inheritor of the best military traditions, has been transformed into a democratic Army and now, for internal as well as external enemies, is viewed as the manifestation of power and enormous strength. The Army, along with the units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of State Security, has successfully crushed the counterrevolutionary bands and is in reliable control of military-strategic positions.

The role of the Army in strengthening and broadening state power and expanding the social bases of the April Revolution and the unity of all nationalities and tribes of the country is great. The Army has been transformed day by day into a true school of ideological, political, ethical and patriotic training. The party highly appreciates the work and heroic sacrifice of the staff of the units and companies of the Army in its struggle against counterrevolutionary bands. Testimony to this fact is provided by the decision of the PDPA Central Committee and the DRA Revolutionary Council concerning the approval of the highest title, that is the title Hero of the DRA and the honorary name of the Heroic Unit. In the future as well, the PDPA Central Committee and the revolutionary state will look after the military staff in an indefatigable manner and will take necessary measures to ensure their successful combat activities.

The current military and political situation which, as a result of the interventionist and shameless policy of imperialism, has become more tense and complicated in the world, as well as in our country, demands from the Army staff great effort and high political vigilance in preserving a high level of combat readiness.

Comrades, commanders, political staff, troops, noncommissioned officers, officers and generals: It is your duty to consistently enhance your military and combat skill, raise the combat capability of the Army units and companies, and be ready to struggle against the enemies of your homeland in a decisive and active manner. Defend the April Revolution courageously. Comrades, the Army staff, party members, and the DYOA: Encourage and make ready with inspirational words and specific [words indistinct] the Army staff for heroism toward our territorial integrity, freedom and the indpeendnece of our beloved Afghanistan. Unite the Army staff around the party and the DRA. Believe in victory, strengthen our sacred and just work. Fight in the front ranks of the fighters for protecting the April Revolution.

The PDPA Central Committee believes that, in consideration of the decisions of the PDPA Central Committee 19th Plenum, the Army staff will not spare any effort to enhance the level of Army combat readiness, eliminate the counterrevolutionary bands and, in this way, provide conditions for peaceful work for the people of Afghanistan.

Long live the DRA! Long live the freedom-loving people of Afghanistan! Victory to the heroic Army of the DRA!

[Signed] The PDPA Central Committee; Kabul, 27 Asad, 1365 [18 Aug] [end recording]

The defense minister then presented a comprehensive report to the meeting on the combat readiness and high militant spirit of the units and companies of the DRA Army in crushing the rebel bands; defending the freedom of the country, territorial integrity, and national sovereignty of the homeland; and defending the high aspirations of the April Revolution, which was fervently welcomed by the meetings' participants.

In a part of his statement, the defense minister said: The DRA staff well understand that marking DRA Army day is in fact attaching great value to the great deeds of the DRA Armed Forces in regaining the independence of the country in 1298 [1919] and the shameful defeat of the British empire as a result of the just struggle of our people. Marking DRA Army Day is an indication of the appreciation of our people for the heroic feats performed by the DRA Army in defending the gains and goals of the revolution; in securing the peace, security, and tranquillity of our compatriots; and in eliminating the counterrevolutionary elements. Marking DRA Army Day is an indication of the firm faith of the DRA Army in unending loyalty to the people's interests and the humanitarian aims of the party and its determined decision to decisively strike at the internal and external counterrevolutionary elements. Our Army displays utmost loyalty before the people and revolution and is forging ahead in its indefatigable struggle to realize the aspirations of the PDPA and all the country's workers.

The defense minister expressed appreciation and gratitude for the consistent attention of the PDPA Central Committee to the construction of the DRA Army of the new (?era). He also expressed the combat readiness of the officers, troops and all Army staff in completely crushing the counterrevolutionary bands and maintaining nationwide peace in the country.

The BIA correspondent adds that due to the great services rendered by the DRA Army in protecting the independence, freedom, territorial integrity, and national sovereignty of the homeland, the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium promoted the DRA Defense Minister, Maj Gen Nazar Muhammad, to the rank of Lieutenant General. This was announced in today's grand meeting. [passage omitted]

The Soviet Army, in a message read by USSR deputy minister, General (?Ivan Batavich Ahariyak), expressed very good wishes on the occasion of DRA Army Day. The message wished the greatest victories for the DRA heroic officers and troops in strengthening their defense capability and completely defeating the counterrevolutionaries. A part of the message said: The Soviet people have always supported and continue to support the just struggle of the people of Afghanistan in neutralizing the treacherous interference of imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism. The solidarity of our people with the people of Afghanistan is particularly displayed through the internationalist tasks being carried out by the limited Soviet contingent in Afghanistan. [passage omitted]

At the end of the meeting, a message from the DRA Army addressed to the PDPA Central Committee was read: On the occasion of the DRA Army Day celebration, the message from the DRA Army addressed to the PDPA Central Committee and the DRA Revolutionary Council:

Dear comrades: The generals, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of our courageous Army, on the occasion of the Army festival, express sincere fervor and appreciation to the militant PDPA and to the PDPA Central Committee for their respect for their military services. We all unanimously approve our domestic and foreign policy. We support it and are making comprehensive efforts to realize this policy in action.

Due to the indefatigable efforts of the PDPA Central Committee and the Revolutionary Council and due to the selfless assistance

of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the Army has been transformed into a new army. It is equipped with modern weapons and technology and is the fundamental force in the struggle against the counterrevolutionaries.

In light of the realization of the decisions of the PDPA Central Committee and the Revolutionary Council and on the occasion of the celebration of DRA Army Day, the staff other units and companies of the Army have obtained high results in military training and combat activities. Combat readiness and combat capability is rising in most units and companies. The combat experience of the staff has been further enriched. The level of organization and discipline has increased. A large number of commanders and political organs have obtained much experience in leading and administering the forces under difficult conditions. The Army staff carries out its military tasks on the basis of the ideals of the Arpil Revolution with a high sense of responsibility for the destiny of peace and the homeland.

The Army units inflict [words indistinct] blows on the counterrevolutionaries. Victory over the enemy at Khowst, around Kabul, and in the Balkh, Nangarhar, Paktia, Herat, Baghlan, Konar, Farah, and Konduz Provinces, as well as in other parts of the country, is satisfactory. Most of all, Divisions 25, 7 and 8; 37th Assault Landing Brigade, Tank Brigade 7, Strike Brigade 66, Reconnaissance Unit 203, Border Brigade 2, and units of the Air Force, foremost Air Brigade 322, have carried out commendable combat activities.

The Army staff, in its struggle against the counterrevolutionary bands, has rendered much sacrifice and heroism to secure the prosperity of our sacred homeland and the well-being of the Afghan people.

The award of the Hero of the DRA and title of Heroic Unit by the party and state, have given new energy to generals, officers, non-commissioned officers and troops.

We promise the PDPA Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council and you personally, the general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and supreme commander of the DRA Armed Forces, Comrade Najibullah, that we are further strengthening our ranks around our proud party and are fighting with self-sacrifice in the path toward the realization of the aspirations of the April Revolution.

We promise that we all, as a united body, [words indistinct] under the conditions of the undeclared war by imperialism against our hated enemies.

Long live the PDPA, the organizer and leader of Afghan society! Honor be on the freedom-loving and heroic people of Afghanistan!

Long live militant solidarity among the armies of the friendly countries! Forward toward complete victory over the enemies of the April Revolution and the prosperity and progress of beloved Afghanistan.

[Signed] 27 Asad, 1365 [18 Aug], Kabul City
For the Army Personnel: Maj Gen Nazar Muhammad, DRA Defense Minister

The meeting concluded with a concert by DRA musicians.

SPA: Mujahidin Down Soviet-Made Plane

LD202224 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2205 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Islamabad, 20 Aug (SPA) — The Afghan mujahidin were able to shoot down a Soviet-made aircraft using antiaircraft missiles. All occupants were killed. Mujahidin sources in Islamabad said that the aircraft was in a squadron of three planes carrying out a raid on mujahidin positions, which led to the death of three Afghan civilians.

Mujahidin Reportedly Using British Missiles

PM211034 London DAILY TELEGRAPH in English 21 Aug 86 p 6

[Unattributed report: "British-Made Missiles Aid Afghans"]

[Text] Afghan guerrillas are using British-made surface-to-air missiles to shoot down Soviet helicopter gunships. They have acquired 30 Blowpipe shoulder-launch missiles manufactured by Short Brothers of Belfast. According to reports, these have been supplied by Nigerian middlemen.

Jane's Defence Weekly said yesterday that shoulder-launched missiles from the United States and the Soviet Union were also used by the guerrillas.

But Blowpipe, which is radio-controlled, is thought to be immune to Soviet counter-measures likely to throw the other infra-red guided missiles off target.

Capture Reported

The Afghan Government radio said three weeks ago that Blowpipe missile systems were captured from rebels in Paktia Province.

Short Brothers would not comment on the ways in which the weapon might have reached the Afghans but Blowpipes are known to have been sold legitimately to armed forces both in Britain and in 10 other countries.

The Department of Trade issues an export licence for all military items and some industrial items if it is satisfied the user is genuine and the export will go to the named recipient.

"If there is a case where the exporter and the recipient have acted in collusion and the equipment has not gone to the named recipient that would be a matter for action by the Customs and Excise authorities," said a spokesman.

Further Reportage on Unrest Incidents in Gujarat State

Police Ordered To Shoot on Sight

BK201349 Hong Kong AFP in English 1335 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 20 (AFP) — Police were ordered to shoot rioters on sight Wednesday in the western Indian city of Baroda after six people died in violence which erupted late Tuesday, domestic news agencies said. Eighty people were injured in street clashes Tuesday after unidentified men opened fire from a speeding car, killing three people, the agencies said, although the state-run All India Radio put the toll at two dead. Three people were stabbed to death in the city Wednesday.

The Baroda administration summoned 450 additional policemen from neighbouring Ahmadabad to help stop the violence, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) said.

An indefinite curfew was enforced in parts of Baroda and police ordered to shoot rioters on sight, as the city administration sounded a general alert, the news agency added.

Informed sources in the Federal Home Ministry said they feared that the violence in Baroda had taken a communal turn between Hindus, India's religious majority, and Moslems. In keeping with domestic media ethics, PTI did not identify the groups involved in the Baroda violence.

Baroda is the second city in Gujarat State to be hit by violence during the past month. In July nearly 50 people died when an alleged Moslem assault on a Hindu religious procession triggered Hindu-Moslem riots in Ahmadabad.

Baroda Situation 'Under Control'

BK201611 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] In Baroda, the situation is under control. Two minor incidents of arson were reported after midnight last night. The city police commissioner told our Ahmadabad correspondent that curfew is strictly enforced in the areas under Vadi and city police stations. Police patrolling continues in all sensitive areas of the city. He said that indefinite curfew gas been extended in some areas under Raupura Karelibagh police stations from 1600 this evening as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, one more person has succumbed to injuries and with this the total number of deaths in the disturbances in the city last night has gone up to 4. The police have arrested 116 persons so far in connection with verious offences.

Further Reportage on Situation in Punjab State

2 Pakistani 'Intruders' Killed

BK210742 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] In Punjab, two Pakistani intruders were killed in an encounter with the BSF [Border Security Force] near Milanwali in the Khemkaran area last night. However, the third accomplice managed to escape back into Pakistan. According to BSF sources in Amritsar, the encounter took place when the intruders were challenged by its jawans [soldiers].

6 'Terrorists Arrested'

BK201610 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] According to reports, six more terrorists belonging to the gang of Manvir Singh, alias Hari Singh, have been arrested in Punjab. The Jullundur District police chief told newsmen that 56 weapons have been recovered from the arrested terrorists at Chargah, an industrial suburb of Amritsar, this afternoon. The terrorist identified as Muktiar Singh was allegedly involved in a shooting incident near Chargah on Sunday night.

Lok Sabha Passes Bill To Raise Antiterrorist Force

BK201609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] The Lok Sabha today passed a bill to raise an elite national security force to effectively combat terrorism and internal disturbances.

Replying to the debate, the minister of state for home, Mr Ghulam Nabi Azad, assured the house that the commando force will be deployed mainly to deal with terrorist activities. It will comprise mostly personnel from the Army, Border Security Force, and other paramilitary forces and a few from the police. He said the force will be given intensive commando training and supplied with latest weapons. To maintain its striking power, the youthfulness of the force will be kept by drawing persons in their mid-30's.

Mr Azad allayed fears that the new security force would be used for other internal disturbances and said any member of the force overstepping his assigned task will be dealt with severely.

Earlier, intervening in the debate, the minister of state for internal security, Mr Arun Nehru, said the personnel of the force will be subjected to high standards before selection. It will have no separate intelligence agencies.

Participating in the discussion, most of the members supported the bill, saying that it is a timely measure to deal with the growing terrorism. A ruling party member suggested that the terrorists should not only be combatted but destroyed. An opposition member expressed the fear that the measures would encroach upon the powers of the state government.

Soviet Nuclear Tests Moratorium Extension Welcomed

BK200402 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Excerpt] India has welcomed the Soviet decision to extend the unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests till the new year day. The minister of state for external affairs, Mr K.R. Narayanan, who

is now in Cairo to attend the Group of 77 conference, told the Soviet news agency *TASS* that the latest initiative is a campaign for peace.

Welcoming the decision, West Germany said the Soviet action deserves a better response from the West.

Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic called the extension of the moratorium as another proof of Soviet resolve to put an end to the nuclear arms race. [passage omitted]

Reportage on Visit of Iranian Foreign Minister

Arrives 20 Aug

BK201255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] The Iranian foreign minister, Mr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, arrived in New Delhi this afternoon. He was received at the airport among others by the minister of state for external affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro.

During his 3-day stay, Mr Velayati is scheduled to hold talks with the external affairs minister, Mr Shiv Shankar, and call on the vice president, R. Venkataraman.

Arrival Statement

LD202211 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Mr Velayati, our country's minister of foreign affairs, leading a high-ranking delegation, arrived in New Delhi for an official 3-day visit to India this afternoon.

Mr Velayati was welcomed at New Delhi airport by the Indian minister of state for external affairs, the deputy minister of external affairs, and other high-ranking Indian officials and also members of the missions of the Islamic Republic of Iran to New Delhi.

On his arrival Mr Velayati gave an interview to the press on his visit to India by saying: The relations between Iran and India, two ancient countries, have always been important, and friendly relations, visits, and return visits between the two countries will help deepen and extend these relations.

Referring to the forthcoming convening of the nonaligned conference next month in Harare, Zimbabwe, our country's minister of foreign affairs said: On the eve of holding this conference these consultations will further help toward coordinating the two countries' efforts.

In an interview given to the press, the Indian minister of state for external affairs, also expressed the hope that the visit would be useful in improving the two countries' relations.

Socioeconomic Program Presented to Parliament

BK201055 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] A comprehensive program to uplift the country's socioeconomic life has been presented to Parliament. The 20-point Program 1986 declares its main aims as an all-out attack on poverty and creation of fuller employment.

The program fulfills Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi's commitment made in his Independence Day address to the nation. It renews the country's commitment to provide clean drinking water for all villages, raise productivity, reduce inequality in income, remove social and economic disparities, and improve the quality of life. To achieve this the plan envisages among other things enforcement of land reforms, expansion of education, the two-child norm, justice to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, special programs for rural labor, housing for the people, new opportunities for youth, and protection of environment. The thrust areas identified in the program are the panchayats [village councils], cooperatives, and local bodies; the eastern region and other areas of low productivity; enforcement of ceilings; and distribution of surplus land among the landless.

The program expresses the government's concern for the consumer and says essential goods will be brought within easy reach of the poor. The public distribution system will be strengthened. Scavenging is to be eradicated and special programs undertaken for the rehabilitation of safai karamcharis [scavengers]. Rehabilitation of the tribal people displaced from their habitat will be ensured. The emphasis will be on national integration and social and moral values, the objective being to instill pride in our heritage. For the unorganized labor in agriculture and industry, the new program commits the government to enforce minimum wages, full implementation of laws abolishing bonded labor, and ensure their rehabilitiation by involving voluntary agencies.

Declaring the removal of poverty as its highest priority, the program says more than 100 million people have been helped to cross the poverty line in the past 5 years. The program envisages encouragement of nonformal education and adult literacy. There will be new opportunities for young people and equality for women. To provide a responsible administration, procedures are to be simplified and monitoring systems evolved from block to national level.

The program was presented to the Lok Sabha by the minister for program implementation, Mr Ghani Khan Chaudhury. A copy of the program was also presented to the Rajya Sabha.

Further Reportage on Opposition Incidents in Sind

Murder Indictments Against PPP Members

BK201225 Hong Kong AFP in English 1107 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Excerpt] Islamabad, Aug 20 (AFP) — Sind Province was back under control Wednesday, though rail services were restored only under strict security and schools and universities were closed, reports reaching here said.

Sources said at least 16 people had died in clashes triggered by the arrest of opposition activists and leaders, including Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party founded by here executed Father Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

The sources said the dead included four policemen.

A call for nationwide demonstrations for the release of political activists, especially Miss Bhutto drew a violent response in rural Sind, the Bhutto home province, but little interest in major towns.

The Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) had apparently expected a broader response, and demonstrations also in Punjab.

In Baluchistan on Wednesday, authorities released all political prisoners arrested on the eve of independence day last week.

However, in Lahore police said a private prosecution had been brought for murder against four leaders of Miss Bhutto's (PPP) on for allegedly opening fire on a crowd Thursday, killing four people.

The four accused were named as Jehangir Badar, Punjab PPP chief and ex- minister, Hakemeen Khan, a party spokesman, Salman Taseer and Nazim Ali Shah.

Jenagir Badar was accused of ordering his men to "take revenge for the killing of their leader, ex-premier Bhutto, executed on a political murder conspiracy charge in 1979.

According to press reports, Mr Badar had failed a counter case against top police officials and the Punjab chief minister on similar charges.

Chief Minister on Badin Situation

BK201532 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Sind Chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah has said that the elected government can never permit anyone to take the law in his own hands and disrupt general law and order. He said this while addressing federal and provincial assembly members, chairmen of local councils, and prominent citizens of Badin District in Badin today.

The chief minister said that the government is well aware of the situation and is fully capable of foiling the designs of antisocial elements. Earlier at a meeting, the chief minister reviewed the law-and-order situation in the district.

Government Determined To End Lawlessness

BK210337 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] The Sind chief minister, Syed Ghaus Ali Shah, has said the government is scrupulously observing the policy of decency in politics. Addressing a group of members of national and provincial assemblies, councillors, and elites of Tando Alam town, he expressed regret over the mode of action of the opposition and the damage caused to public property, and said such activities are tantamount to jeopardizing Pakistan's security and national interests.

The chief minister said the government is fully aware of the designs of those causing disturbances and will not be pressured by the unlawful activities of sabotage and arson.

Earlier in Thatta, the chief minister reiterated the government's firm determination to put an end to lawlessness and to crush all miscreants. The chief minister later held separate meetings with parliament members, councillors, and notables to gather information about the situation in their respective areas. The local administration apprised him of the situation and of the steps taken to deal with it.

Junejo, Cabinet Meet 20 Aug

BK201720 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] The federal Cabinet met in Rawalpindi this evening under the chairmanship of the prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, to review the law and order situation prevailing in the country.

The Cabinet noted that the situation in all the provinces except Sind is satisfactory. Further remedial measures were discussed to normalize the situation.

It has been demonstrated that the government is firm in not disturbing the democratic process, while making it clear at the same time that it would not allow any dissident element or party to frustrate this effort and create a situation that would give it a setback. Normal political activity has resumed in most parts of the country. In keeping with the spirit, as soon as the general situation normalizes in the remaining part, all restraints on political activities would be removed and political activities would be allowed to take their normal course.

The Cabinet reiterated the determination of the government to protect the lines of communications and life and honor of ordinary citizens.

The Cabinet also reviewed measures to enhance employment opportunities, particularly in the education sector. Details of various specific proposals to be implemented under the special employment fund of the prime minister will be announced in the next few days.

The meeting was attended by the federal ministers and ministers of state.

Army Patrolling Towns

BK201247 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] In Pakistan, the road and rail traffic was disrupted at many places today when antigovernment demonstrators ripped off rail tracks and built road blocks. Agitationists set fire to railway stations at several places. There are also reports of sporadic clashes between demonstrators and police.

Army patrols are on the streets in Thatta, Hala, Badin, Sukkur, and other towns hit by the recent (?uprising) following the police crackdown on the opposition leaders.

Railway Traffic Restored

BK201730 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Railway traffic which was disrupted briefly yesterday between Karachi and Sukkur has been fully restored. *Associated Press of Pakistan* says its correspondent who visited Sakrand, Nawabshah, Fajri and a number of other towns in the area found the people actively helping the administration in normalizing conditions. A small number of unruly people who had damaged some public property and tried to subvert communications received determined resistance from the people of the area.

The agency adds that elements trying to incite trouble failed miserably in their design because of the resistance of the people.

A press note issued by the district magistrate, Thar Parkar, says at about 1500 today, a group of about 2,000 persons armed with firearms, hatchets and lathis [batons] gathered at Nabi Sar crossing on Jhudo Naukote Road and blocked the read by raising obstacles. A police party arrived there and tried to clear the road. The mob attacked the police as a result of which a subinspector and a constable received head injuries. The press note says the police fired in self-defense and dispersed the mob. Two persons from the mob who received injuries were brought to the hospital at Jhudo where one of them succumbed to his injuries. The other is reported to be out of danger. Police have registered a case and 32 persons have been arrested. Investigation is in progress.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ends Talks, Leaves for India

BK201035 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] The Iranian foreign minister, Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, paid a courtesy call on the prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, in Rawalpindi this morning. He discussed bilateral and international issues with him. Their discussions took place in an extremely cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The second and final round of formal talks between the Iranian foreign minister, Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, and the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, was held in Rawalpindi today.

During the talks, they discussed bilateral matters, including trade and cultural relations and possibilities of expanding relations in other fields. Both sides agreed that the visit of the president of Iran, Dr 'Ali Khamene'i, to Pakistan was a milestone in the relations between the two countries and had provided a new impulsion of the friendly relations already existing between the two countries.

Later, Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati left Islamabad for New Delhi. He was seen off at the airport by the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Further Reportage on Bombing in Qom

Arrests Made

LD201945 Tehran IRNA in English 1818 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 20, IRNA — Those responsible for last Saturday's bomb blast in the holy city of Qom have been arrested, it was announced by the Ministry of Information here Wednesday.

A booby-trapped car bomb exploded near the Shrine of Hazrat Ma'sumah, the sister of Imam Reza in Qom Saturday, August 16, as a result of which 13 persons were martyred and nearly one hundred others wounded.

Reyshahri: Iraq Responsible

NC210702 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Telephone interview with Information Minister Mohammad Reyshahri by unidentified Voice of Iran correspondent; date not given — recorded]

[Text] [Correspondent] Mr Reyshahri, we have been told that fortunately, the Information Ministry has managed to arrest those responsible for the recent bombings rather quickly. I would like you to explain this to our listeners.

[Reyshahri] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Praise be to God. With the blessings of the Vali-ye 'Asr [Lord of the Ages] and the efforts his anonymous soldiers, the ring responsible for planting the bombs has been unearthed. One such case was the recent blast in Qom, and all those behind it have been detained. This includes those who brought the explosives into Qom from Iraq, and placed them near the Hazrat Ma'sumeh shrine, may peace be upon her. These individuals were actively involved in earlier bombings in Tehran and Qom. Among these are the explosion in the Bahar Hotel in 1983, the blast at the eastern corner of Tehran's Naser Khosrow Avenue in 1983, the bombing at the Feyzieh Seminary in 1980, the one outside the 'Azam Mosque in 1983, and the one on the Qom railroad, which was the most important of all, caused the greatest amount of damage, and martyred many of our compatriots. The same people had a role in all these activities, and by the grace of God they have been arrested.

I would like to note that the members of another gang have also been taken into custody (?by the grace of God). They were involved in a series of blasts in Tehran. God willing, I will give the details of this matter in a radio and television interview.

I would like to call your attention to one interesting point that has not been revealed until now: They planned to set off explosives at the venue of Tehran's Friday prayers ceremony and at four other places of economic importance. This was scheduled for last month, but, praise be to God, this ring has been discovered and those responsible detained.

[Correspondent] You said that these people received incendiary material and arms from the Zionist Iraqi regime and brought them into our country. Could you tell us which treacherous groups they were affiliated with?

[Reyshahri] Just about every counterrevolutionary band is involved in these bombings. It is interesting to note that Iraq's intelligence service and investigative agencies have placed a great deal of money and other resources at their disposal. It makes no difference if they are monarchists, monafeqin [hypocrites], or other minigroups engaged in the planting of bombs under the guidance of the Zionist Iraqi regime and its money.

Here is another noteworthy point: Following the victories of the Islamic fighters in the Mehran operations, Iraqi intelligence and the counterrevolutionary cliques provided the agents with a bomb which they said should be exploded inside Iran in order to compensate for Mehran. This shows what effect these operations have had on their morale and how effective they were in weakening the Iraqi forces. May God's blessings and greetings be upon you.

Lebanese Group Blames U.S.

LD201304 Tehran IRNA in English 1250 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Beirut, Aug. 20, IRNA — Head of the Lebanese Islamic Amal Movement Husayn Musavi here Wednesday blamed the U.S. and its agents for recent bomb blasts in the Iran and called on Muslims to react against these crimes.

Speaking at a press conference, Musavi said that recent statements of the U.S. State Department official, Richard Murphy, that Iran's victory in the Iraqi-imposed war would jeopardize U.S. interests in the region were the best proof of U.S. involvement in these blasts.

He said the bomb explosion in the Iranian holy city of Qom is an indication of the enmity of imperialist powers with Islam.

The coincidence of the bomb blasts with the Iraqi attack on Iranian residential areas is also an evidence of alliance between global arrogance and world plasphemy, Musavi said.

He also said that Muslims throughout the world, as protectors of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, should necessarily give suitable response to these aggressions.

Khomeyni Agents Responsible

TA201822 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 1630 20 Aug 86

[Excerpt] [Passage omitted] By exploding a powerful bomb at 1600 yesterday, the Khomeyni regime's terrorist agents demolished an Iranian shop that collected and distributed Persian books and journals, as well as Persian-language cassettes and videotapes. This shop belongs to Reza Fazeli, a former Iranian cinema actor who is one of the most active strugglers against Khomeyni and the mullah- usurping government.

As a result of this explosion, Reza Fazeli's 24-year-old son, Bizhan Fazeli, was killed and 13 others wounded. The London

police confirmed that the blast at Fazeli's shop, which is located in the famous Kensington district, was caused by the planting of a bomb. [passage omitted]

President Khamene'i Confers With Military Commanders

LD201016 Tehran IRNA in English 0935 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 20, IRNA — Military commanders held a session here Wednesday in the presence of the president and head of the Supreme Defense Council, 'Ali Khamene'i. Latest developments and present situation in the fronts of the Iraqi-imposed war were discussed in the meeting.

Present in the session were Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Col. Esma'il Sohrabi, Defense Minister Col. Mohammad Hoseyn Jalali, commanders of ground, air and naval forces Col. Hasan Hasani Sa'di, Col. Houshang Seddiq, and Cap. Mohammad Hoseyn Malekzadegan, respectively.

President Sends Greeting to Pakistan's Ziaul Haq

BK201628 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Iranian President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i has greeted President Mohammad Ziaul Haq on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day.

In his message, the Iranian president has said that the existing cordial and close relation between the two countries will help further increase bilateral cooperation. He expressed the hope that this cooperation between the two countries based on Islamic brotherhood will continue in the interests of the two nations and prove a glowing example of Islamic unity and integrity. Egypt's President Husni Mubarak and Philippine President Aquino also sent similar messages.

Further Reportage on Majlis Speaker's Mashhad Visit

Sees Outcome of War in 2-3 Months

LD201538 Tehran IRNA in English 1506 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Mashhad, Khorasan Prov., Aug, 20 IRNA — Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said here Tuesday that the fate of the Iraqi-imposed war should be determined in another two or three months.

Speaking to a gathering of local people as well as pilgrims to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (A.S.) [abbreviation for "peace be upon him"], the speaker said that the enemies of Islam have conspired to pressure the Islamic Republic so as to make it impossible for Iran to hold out in the war.

The speaker said that the enemies of the Islamic Republic have also tried to check Iran's oil exports by attacking Iranian oil terminals, which plot, he said, had failed. The slump in oil prices was another plot hatched by the enemies of Iran to prevent the country from supplying its war-related goods. But, he noted, Iran stepped up its war efforts to thwart the plot.

The Majlis speaker termed Iran's success in the recent OPEC meeting in Geneva as a 'turning point' for the economic well-being of oil exporting countries. Stressing the need for Iran to diversify its non-oil exports, Rafsanjani said that it is an appropriate opportunity for the Iranian people to cooperate with the government towards this objective. Domestic factories should produce their needed spare parts themselves. The falling oil prices have helped Iranians set up many production centers without any government material aid, he said.

Rafsanjani said, if this situation should continue for another two or three years Iran's dependence on foreign countries will drop to its lowest level which, he said will be a great victory for the Iranian people. He also advised the Iranian people to change their pattern of consumption and turn themselves into a nation relying on its own domestic production.

The speaker also expressed hope that Iranian victory in the Iraqi-imposed war would pave the way for the whole of oppressed world to adapt as their model of resistance and attain their rights denied them by oppressor world powers.

Meanwhile, the Majlis speaker, accompanied by Imam Khomeyni's representative and superintendent of the holy shrine Hojjat ol-Eslam Va'ez Tabasi, visited the Quran Museum of the shrine, here Tuesday. The museum is one of the greatest in the world where Kufic and Shi'a imams' handwritten Qurans on deerskin are kept. There are some 90 volumes of early manuscripts of the Holy Qoran in the museum. Hoj. Rafsanjani also visited a cattle-raising farm of the holy shrine on Tuesday.

Addresses Armed Forces

LD211135 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] The Central News Unit reports a joint morning session of the Armed Forces in Mashhad was held at the 77th Thamin Al-'Imah Division garrison in the presence of Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council.

The report says that Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani at the ceremony referred to the fact that the imposed war has objectively proved the strength and power of the Armed Forces to our country's people and those of the countries in the region. He said: Our combat units have never been so well trained and well prepared as they are now. At the same time, the volunteer popular forces who are fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with our Army consist of millions of trained volunteers who are ready, whenever necessary, to fight and sacrifice their blood for Islam alongside the Army or even ahead of it.

The imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council stressed that the Armed Forces are today the spearhead of the Islamic revolution movement. He referred to the unity of the Armed Forces and said: What we have today has been achieved thanks to the unity and cohesion of all the sections of the people and of the Armed Forces. We can well see this unity today in the ranks of the Armed Forces.

The report says that at the end of the ceremony the units present paraded in front of a copy of the noble Koran, a portait of the commander in chie,f and the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council.

Prime Minister on Policy Toward 'Deprived Provinces'

LD201506 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Excerpts] The Central News Unit reports that at today's session of the Cabinet, a report was heard about the activities, plans, and programs of the Ministry of the Interior for building border roads, establishing posts, and other complementary plans for checking the borders and fighting the rebels and smugglers.

At the end of today's Cabinet session, Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi gave an interview to our correspondent. Referring to the executive plans of the Ministry of the Interior with regard to guarding the borders and fighting professional smugglers, he said:

The issue of guarding the borders in the interest of national security is noted by the government. Fortunately, during the past few years, we have made good progress in this respect. A considerably large number of border roads have been built. The prime minister added: In the budget for next year, more attention has been given to expanding border, sea, and land routes.

Commenting on steps to be taken to help deprived provinces solve their problems, Mir Hoseyn Musavi said:

[Begin recording] The government's inclination with regard to any problem, in this case provincial problems, is to provide national resources to more deprived areas, within the limits of the law and the government's capabilities. Of course, one part of the policy is related to deprived provinces and areas. Some time ago, the Ministry of Budget and Planning, on the basis of statistics, information, and certain indices, began to determine which are the deprived areas. For instance, each area was studied for its roads, education and training, welfare, products, and per capita income. On this basis the deprived areas were determined.

Apart from this point which has brought about its own priorities in the government's allocation of budget, the deprived provinces have always been important for the government. Bushehr Province is one of these areas. The incorrect policies of the monarchical regime were that national resources were gathered in large cities or accumulated in the pockets of the relatives of the royalty, accumulators of wealth, and those dependent on arrogant powers. Now, the policy of the Islamic Republic is to pay more attention to the ruined and backward areas. This attention is not only economical; it is political and cultural as well. That is why you see the names of these provinces which were forgotten at one stage, in the press. There is a deep movement in this area and, fortunately, political growth and awareness of people in these regions in connection with the Islamic Republic regime and the war on the war fronts is quite noticable. For instance, the courageous and martyr nurturing people of Boyer Ahmad va Kohkiluyeh can be seen on all fronts. This shows the high level of awareness in these regions. That is why the government feels dutybound to meet the needs of these areas in every aspect. [end recording] [passage omitted]

Our correspondent reports that at today's session of the Cabinet, 160 million rials were allocated to improving emergency plans and put at the disposal of the Ministry of Roads and Transport, 200 million rials were allocated to meet the cost of health insurance for steel mill employees, and 200 million rials were allocated for building the Shahid Baqa'i hospital in Ahvaz.

Besharati, Libyan Charge Discuss Regional Issues

LD201915 Tehran IRNA in English 1519 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug 20, IRNA — Libyan Charge d'Affaires to Tehran 'Abdallah Ahmad Fadil met and conferred with Acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati here Wednesday. Discussed in the meeting were matters of mutual interest as well as crucial situation of the region.

Commerce Minister Reviews Ties With CSSR Envoy

LD211100 Tehran IRNA in English 1025 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 21, IRNA — The Czech ambassador to Tehran, Milan Macha, met and talked with Iranian minister of commerce, Hasan Abedi-Ja'fari here Wednesday.

Referring to active participation of his country in the forthcoming 12th Tehran International Fair, and also visit of a delegation headed by Czech deputy industry minister, Milan Macha expressed his country's interest in expanding mutual commercial, industrial and scientific relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Czech ambassador also stated his country's willingness to attend the joint trade and economic session to be held in Tehran in near future.

During the meeting, Ja'fari explained the new economic policies of Iran and said that for many reasons Czechoslovakia could become a creditable commercial partner of Iran and in exchange for Iranian non-oil goods, export capital goods to Iran. Ja'fari further added that Czechoslovakia can also cooperate with Iran in research and scientific fields specially in industry and agriculture.

Seminar on Iraq Held for Hajj Pilgrims

LD200914 Tehran IRNA in English 0806 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Mecca, Aug. 20, IRNA — A seminar entitled 'Iraq' was held here Tuesday night at the residence of Imam Khomeyni's Hajj representative which was attended by a group of Hajj pilgrims from Arab countries, including Iraq.

A member of the Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI), Sayyid Sami al-Badri, talked about importance of Hajj rituals in bringing forth and solving problems of Muslims. Stressing that Saddam's Ba'thist regime was against Islam, he said that the regime suffocated any voice seeking justice. He added that the regime has so far killed 20,000 Iraqi youths and detained 300,000 others in dungeons. Sami al-Badri said that

SAIRI was formed to unite revolutionary forces and organise them to annihilate Baghdad regime.

On the liberation of Jerusalem he said that the Arab world has so far failed to take any practical measure in this direction.

He hoped that after the downfall of Saddam's regime, the two Muslim nations of Iran and Iraq would unitedly fight for the liberation of Jerusalem.

In another development, the crippled of the Islamic Revolution of Iran currently here to perform Hajj rituals, held a massive march Tuesday. The marchers carried pictures of Imam Khomeyni and chanted slogans inviting the world Muslims to unite against global infidelity and in condemnation of the superpowers.

Tehran Reportage on Recent Operations of Kurds

5 Iraqi 'Secret Agents' Killed

LD192113 Tehran IRNA in English 1602 GMT 19 Aug 86

[Text] Orumiyeh, West Azarbayjan Prov., Aug 19, IRNA — Five Iraqi secret agents were killed when dissident Iraqi Kurds (Peshmergas) attacked the headquarters of Iraq's secret police in Dahuk last week, reports reaching here from inside Iraq said Tuesday.

The reports said that two vehicles of the Iraqi secret police were destroyed in the lightning attack.

The Iraqi agents heavily shelled villages in the outskirts of Dahuk, killing three women and two children in retaliation for the attack, the reports said.

3 Military Bases Attacked

LD200906 Tehran IRNA in English 0755 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Orumiyeh, W. Azarbayjan Prov., Aug. 20, IRNA — The Iraqi Muslim Kurds fighting the Iraqi regime, attacked three military bases in Mirgah Sur and Sheykhan areas, northern Iraq, early this month, damaging the bases and inflicting heavy casualties on their personnel, said informed Iraqi sources here Wednesday.

According to the sources in a similar development the Iraqi Muslim Kurds attacked a police vehicle in the city of Irbil and killed all its passengers.

40 Iraqi Soldiers Killed

LD211058 Tehran IRNA in English 1032 GMT 21 Aug 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Aug. 21, IRNA — Forty Iraqi soldiers were killed along the Lilan-Kirkuk Axis in an assalt by Iraqi Muslim Kurdish revolutionaries on Monday.

In this operation, the Iraqi Kurds who are fighting the Iraqi Ba'thist regime destroyed and set ablaze four Iraqi military vehicles, killing their passengers and seizing their arms.

Tehran Cites Kurdish Group on Turkish Bombings

LD202016 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] A group of Kurds opposing the Turkish Government invited one of the human rights organizations in Europe to dispatch a delegation in order to investigate the problem of the bombing Kurdish population centers in northeast Iraq by Turkish military aircraft.

According to AP, a Kurdish spokesman told correspondents: We call on all human rights organizations to investigate what goes on in Kurdish-inhabited areas in Turkey. He added: The Turkish Government claims that in the course of the bombing of a part of the Kurdish-inhabited in northeast Iraq last week, 100 Kurdish guerrillas were killed. The truth is that in the course of these bombings dozens of innocent women and children were killed, demonstrating that the Turkish Government is planning the massacre of Kurds.

IRNA Cites Libyan Paper on Iraq's Defeat

LD202032 Tehran IRNA in English 1702 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Tripoli, Aug 20, IRNA — Libya's weekly *Al-Zahf al-Akhdar* said in its latest issue that Saddam Husayn's regime is falling as a result of his imposed war on Iran, and that no magical solution can save the Ba'thist government from the deadlock it is in. The weekly emphasised that the U.S. is not able to save Saddam. It added that Saddam wants to end the war so that he can crown himself king and savior of Iraq, only to finish destroying oppressed Iraqi nation.

The weekly, an ideological journal of the revolutionary masses of Libya, quoted Iran's Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani as saying that the Islamic Republic is preparing for a final and ultimate victory over Iraq. It stressed that gloom of bitter defeat has cast its shadow over Saddam Husayn.

Volunteer Divisions Leave for War Fronts

LD200945 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, continuing the departure of popular forces for the fronts of the imposed war, three divisions of volunteer forces consisting of honorary guards and trained forces from Mazandaran Province, named "The Special Labbayk ya Imam Convoy," left for the battle fronts yesterday.

Also, the seventh Labbayk ya Imam convoy, consisting of popular forces from various towns in Esfahan Province, left for the fronts of the imposed war, following ceremonies.

According to the Central News Unit, an organized brigade of volunteer popular and tribal forces from Bovir Ahmad va Kohkiluyeh Province, left for various operational theaters from Dehdasht, yesterday. Continuing the departure of combat-specialist forces for the fronts of the imposed war, two battalions left Mamasani town for the battle fronts yesterday.

The third convoy of employees of the Martyr's Foundation and the Imam's Relief Committee from Paveh left for the war zones yesterday.

During the past 2 days, large groups of combat-specialist forces from Damghan, Shirvan, Dehdasht, Yasuj, and Karaj towns, and Robatkarim and Sovojbolagh Districts, left for the fronts after being warmly seen off by the people of their cities and by their relatives.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,569

LD201715 Tehran IRNA in English 1552 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 20, IRNA — Several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and eight enemy bunkers and one vehicle destroyed in the western fronts Tuesday when enemy positions and motorized units were shelled by Iranian forces, said a military communique here Wednesday.

The 2569th daily communique released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces said that Muslim forces of Iran reconnoitered and heavily shelled Iraqi positions in the northwestern fronts Tuesday inflicting casualties and losses on enemy troops.

Iran's Navy intercepted and inspected two foreign cargo ships in the Strait of Hormuz over the same period but allowed the ships to continue voyage after being satisfied that they were not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq, the communique said.

The communique said that exchange of artillery fire continued in the southern fronts Tuesday raging somewhat more heavily in Zayd and Shalacheh as a result of which Iraqi forces sustained casualties and losses. Enemy fire was also silenced.

A convoy of Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Yebis operatitonal theater, southern fronts, suffered casualties and was forced to flee under Iranian artillery fire, according to the communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that some Iraqi soldiers were killed and many enemy bunkers destroyed in parts of the southern fronts as their positions came under artillery fire of Iranian Gendarmerie Forces on Tuesday.

Iraqi Boats, Al-Faw Factory Shelled

LD201730 Tehran IRNA in English 1658 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Aug. 20, IRNA — Several Iraqi boats attempting to get close to Iranian positions in Khawr 'Abdallah Tuesday were subjected to the artillery fire of the Muslim combatants. Artillery fire of the Iranian forces on Iraqi positions near the salt factory in Al-Faw destroyed three vehicles, two observation posts and four single bunkers and killed or wounded 18 enemy soldiers.

The cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr came under Iraqi long-range artillery fire Tuesday and Wednesday as a result of which several houses and shops were damaged in Abadan.

Radio of Iranian Toilers Views Aqazadeh USSR Visit

LD202027 (Clandestine) Radio of the Iranian Toilers in Persian 0230 GMT 20 Aug 86

[Text] Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, the regime's oil minister, left for Moscow yesterday morning for talks with Soviet officials. According to the regime's radio, during the visit the oil minister will hold talks with Soviet officials on cooperation between OPEC countries and non-OPEC oil-producing states, as well as on bilateral cooperation between Iran and the Soviet Union in gas and oil matters.

It is noteworthy that the Soviet Union, itself the biggest oil producer in the world, was up until 7 years ago one of the purchasers of Iran's natural gas. In Esfand 1358 [February 1980] the Islamic Republic Government, contrary to the country's national interests, cut off the export of gas to the Soviet Union without any economic justification. The regime's difficulties in obtaining foreign exchange are one of the major reasons for the regime's renewed interest in establishing special economic ties with the Soviet Union.